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## **BY HAND DELIVERY**

Ms. Clinett Short
Office of the General Counsel
Federal Election Commission
999 E Street N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20463

Re: MUR 5168

Dear Ms. Short:

As you know, my Firm has recently been retained to represent the Local Union DRIVE No. 25 political committee, and its treasurer, George W. Cashman.

We would appreciate a short extension of time so that we may begin preprobable cause conciliation. We would like to meet with you, next week, on Wednesday the 28<sup>th</sup> of March at 2:00 p.m., or Thursday the 29<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m., whichever is more convenient for you.

Pursuant to your request for information prior to our meeting, we believe that the absence of any Federal activity, and the committee's denied request to terminate are, at least, mitigating factors in this case.

I look forward to your response to our request for an extension and meeting.

Sincerely,

Corey Rubin